

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office Action dated March 24, 2006, Claims 7 and 9 are rejected, Claims 1 and 8 are objected to and Claims 2-6 are allowed. Applicants have thoroughly reviewed the outstanding Office Action, including the Examiner's remarks and the reference cited therein. The amendment of the claims herein along with the following remarks is believed to be fully responsive to the Office Action. Claim 1 has been amended. Claims 7 and 9 have been cancelled. Accordingly, Claims 1-6 and 8 are presented for examination.

In accordance with the Examiner's suggestion, Claim 1 has been amended herein to recite: "wherein an [[the]] axially spaced-apart relative position ~~location~~ of said camming surfaces when in contact with each other and that of said ball engaging surface [[being]] is such that said camming surfaces are rotationally clamping said tool." Applicants therefore believe there is no longer any lack of antecedent basis for the claim term "axially spaced-apart relative position." The term "position" replaces the word "location" and "being" is replaced by "is" to more accurately and correctly reflect the meaning and grammatical structure of the claim. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, Applicants believe that Claim 1, as amended, is allowable, and respectfully request the withdrawal of any objection.

Claims 7 and 9 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Japanese Patent 64-11701 to Suganuma. Applicants have herein cancelled Claims 7 and 9. As such, any discussion of said claims is no longer believed to be necessary.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the allowance of Claims 2-6. Applicants also wish to point out that, contrary to what is stated in the Office Action, Claim 8, as originally filed, is an independent claim, and is not dependent on any rejected base claim. Accordingly, Applicants believe said claim is also allowable and respectfully request the withdrawal of any objection to said claim.


CONCLUSION

At least in view of the above claim amendments and the foregoing remarks, Applicants believe all claims presented are allowable. Examiner is invited to call the undersigned Applicants' representative at 202-861-1744 in an effort to resolve any matter still outstanding before issuing another Office Action. The undersigned Applicants' representative is confident that any issue which might remain can readily be worked out by telephone.

In the event this paper is not timely filed, Applicants petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fee deficiencies or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-2036 with reference to Attorney Docket No. 59587.21540.

Respectfully submitted,

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